

INTERVIEW AGENDA

TO: Examiner Patrick N. Butler/USPTO

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RE: Application. No. 10/539,152 (Atty. Docket No. HER07 P450)

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me on May 19, 2009 and to agreeing to a telephone interview on May 27, 2009 at 2:00pm. During the telephone interview, I would like to discuss the two following issues:

1. If the Applicant filed a Declaration of someone skilled in the relevant art concerning the differences between MDFs and mineral wool, would the Examiner give substantial weight to any such Declaration?
2. Applicant would like to discuss the combination of the Morrison et al. '096 patent with the Eriksson et al. '540 publication. Notably, in the Eriksson et al. '540 publication, the steam roll 7 is not disclosed as providing the MDF with a non-rectangular cross-sectional profile. The Eriksson et al. '540 publication only discloses the cutting roll 6 as providing the MDFs with the non-rectangular cross-sectional profile. Accordingly, if the two references were combined, the cutting roll 6 would not be located within the oven 30 of the Morrison et al. '096 patent such that the combination would not result in sections of insulation material being subjected to controlled compaction during passage through a tunnel furnace such that the insulation material is provided with a non-rectangular cross-sectional profile during curing as claimed in claim 14. Moreover, Applicant submits that it is not obvious to position the cutting roll 6 of the Eriksson et al. '540 publication within the oven 30 of the Morrison et al. '096 patent because of the hot waste the cutting roll 6 would produce within the oven 30, leading to failure of the oven 30 and/or ruination of the mineral wool leaving the oven 30 of the Morrison et al. '096 patent.

I look forward to speaking with you on May 28. If you have any question in the meantime, please let me know.